(d) by when the proposal is likely to be cleared by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Bill essentially aims at consolidating and amending the existing law relating to cooperative societies with the objective of facilitating promotion, growth and development of cooperative movement in the National Capital Territory of Delhi.

(c) and (d) The draft "The Delhi Cooperative Societies Bill, 2003" was received by the Central Government in March, 2003 and approval to its introduction in the Delhi Legislative Assembly, subject to certain modifications, was conveyed to the Government of NCT of Delhi in July, 2003.

Diversion of Arms and Ammunition

*323. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that arms and ammunition of the Indian army is being diverted to terrorist outfits by our own paramilitary forces; and

(b) whether any inquiry has been conducted into this affair, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) There are no reports available with the Government in this regard.

(b) Does not arise.

Diamond-Mines

†*324. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the diamond-mines in the country; and

(b) the status of diamond-mines in the State of Chhattisgarh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI RAMESH BAIS): (a) Majhgawan diamond mines located in Panna District of Madhya Pradesh is the only mechanised diamond mine in the country. Some shallow mining is also carried out in Panna district. The

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

mechanised mining is carried out by National Mineral Development Corporation (NMDC) while the shallow mining is supervised by the Directorate of Geology and Mining, Madhya Pradesh.

(b) There are no diamond mines operating in the State of Chhattisgarh. However, the Central Government has approved grant of 23 Reconnaissance Permits (RPs) for exploration of diamond and associated minerals in the Chhattisgarh State.

Poverty alleviation schemes

†*325. SHRI ABHAY KANT PRASAD: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether World Bank has sanctioned funds for poverty alleviation schemes in the rural areas;

(b) if so, State-wise details thererof;

(c) the State-wise details of the proposals pending with Government in the regard; and

(d) the action so far taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI KASHIRAM RANA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Details of Rural poverty alleviation schemes being funded by World Bank are given in statement-l *(see below).*

(c) and (d) Development of Project Concept Notes/Proposals by State Governments and transmission of the same to the Central Government to receive external assistance to undertake rural development activities is a continuing process. Proposals/Concept Notes received from the States by the Ministry of Rural Development, after examination, are forwarded to Department of Economic Affairs (DEA), which is the nodal Department for external assistance.

A list of the Project Concept Notes/Proposals received in the Ministry of Rural Development and forwarded to Department of Economic Affairs, is at Statement-lI *(See* below/ These proposals are at various stages of processing.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.